

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-16, 21-40, and 51-76 are now pending in the application. Claims 8, 20 and 41-50 have been cancelled, without prejudice. Claims 51-76 have been added.

At least the majority of amendments and new claims presented herein are of a broadening variety or are made for election, not patentability reasons, and a full range of equivalents should be given to all claim elements.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass this application to issuance at his earliest convenience.

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